

REMARKS

In this application, claims 1-12 are currently pending and are amended herein to avoid fees for multiple dependencies in the claims and to remove reference numbers to conform with U.S. practice. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

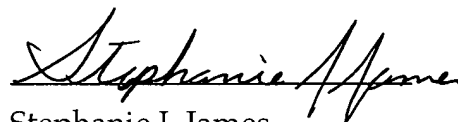
The specification is amended to identify Applicant's claim for priority.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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